# High Consequence Areas and Integrity Management Plans

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# Short Presentation to Set Stage for Public Input

- What are high consequence areas?
- How are they identified?
- What is an "Integrity Management Plan" (IMP)?
- What are the key elements of the "IMP" plan?
- Is integrity testing the only means of managing risks?
- Is documentation subject to inspection?

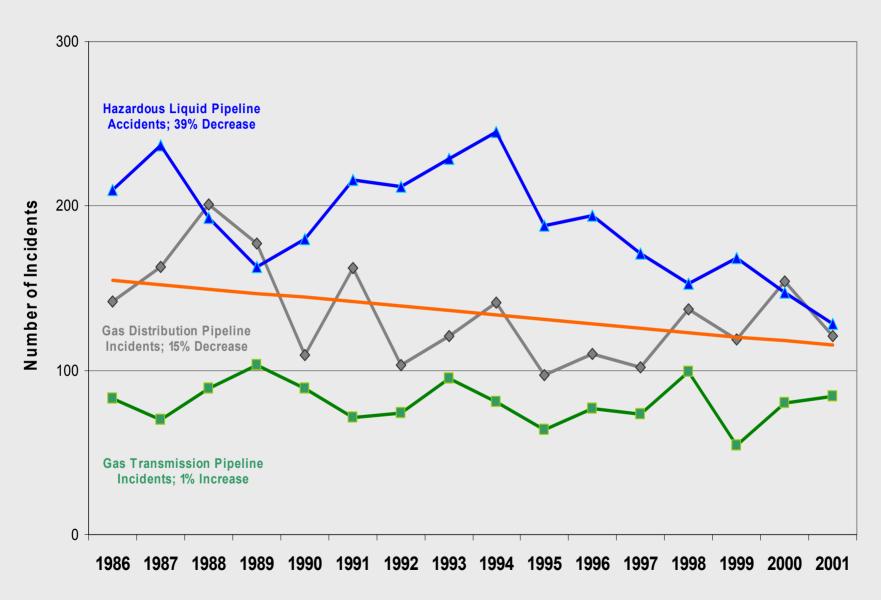
# Some components of overall pipeline safety program

- Construction & Design
- Hydrostatic and other testing before startup
- Corrosion prevention system and inspections
- Remote monitoring and control
- Monitoring/patrol of the pipeline route

- Preventative maintenance procedures
- Prescribed inspections
- Surveys of land and waterways
- Excavation damage prevention
- Emergency Planning
- Public awareness outreach

...each generating its own documents, manuals, diagrams, reports, etc.

#### **Pipeline Incidents**



All Pipeline Type Incidents; 23% Decrease

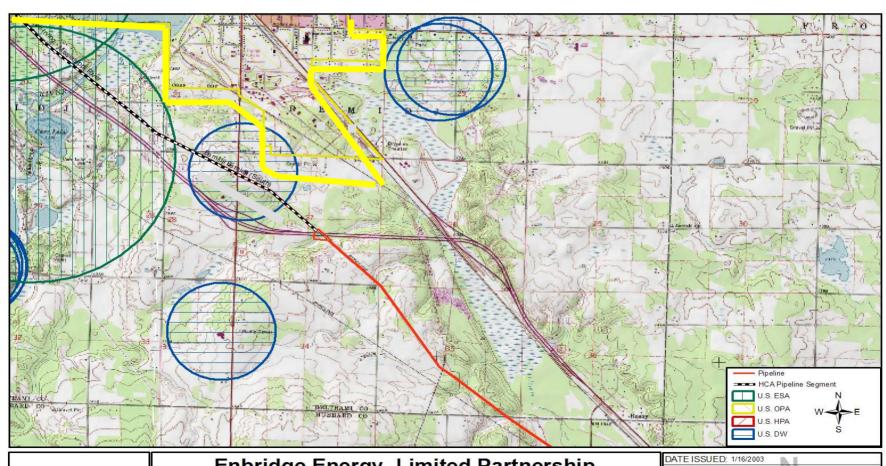
## Identifying High Consequence Areas for Liquid Pipelines

- Unusually environmentally sensitive areas:
  - Higher value public drinking water resources
  - Unusually sensitive ecological areas
  - Identified through local/state natural resource managers and mapped by OPS
- Commercially Navigable River Crossings
  - As defined by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- High Population Areas
  - Urban areas as defined by U.S. Census Bureau

### HCA's for Natural Gas Transmission Pipelines

- Segments now classified in existing regulations as Class 3 and 4, and
- Segments within 300, 660 or 1000 feet (depending on pipe size and pressure) of:
  - Facilities housing mobility impaired, confined or hard to evacuate
    - Examples: hospitals, day care, prisons.....
  - Places where more than 20 gather at least 50 times per year
    - Examples: beaches, stadiums, religious facilities...
- Operator's responsibility to identify

### HCA Example Liquid Petroleum Pipeline





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Pipeline Segments Which May Impact High Consequence Areas 0 2,000 4,000 6,000 8,000 10,000 10,000

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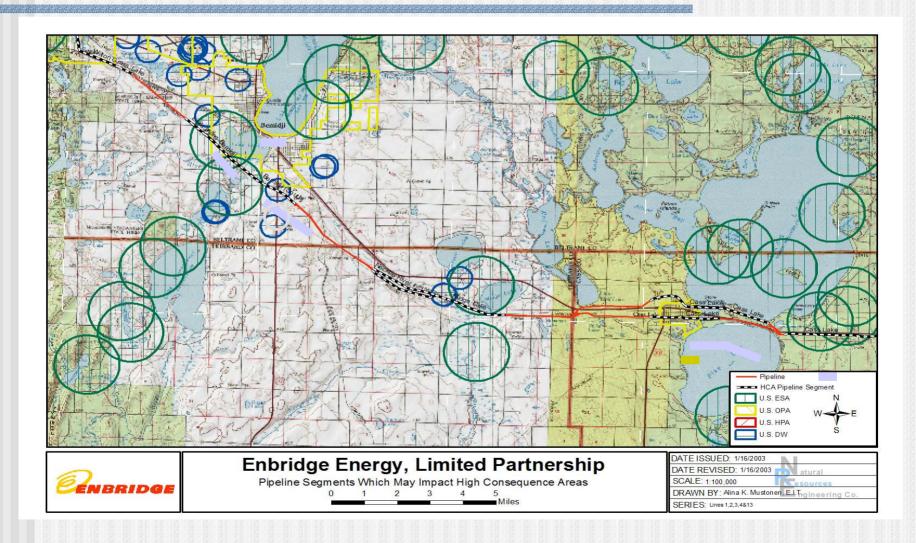
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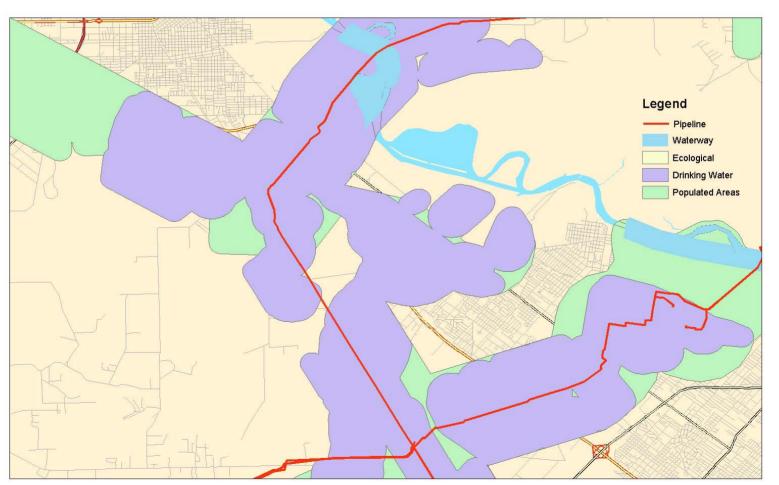
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### HCA example – Crude Oil and Natural Gas Liquid Pipeline

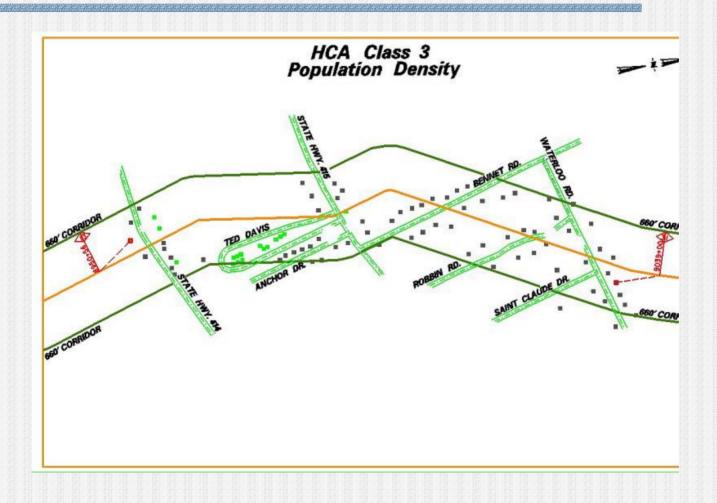


### HCA example Refined Products Pipeline

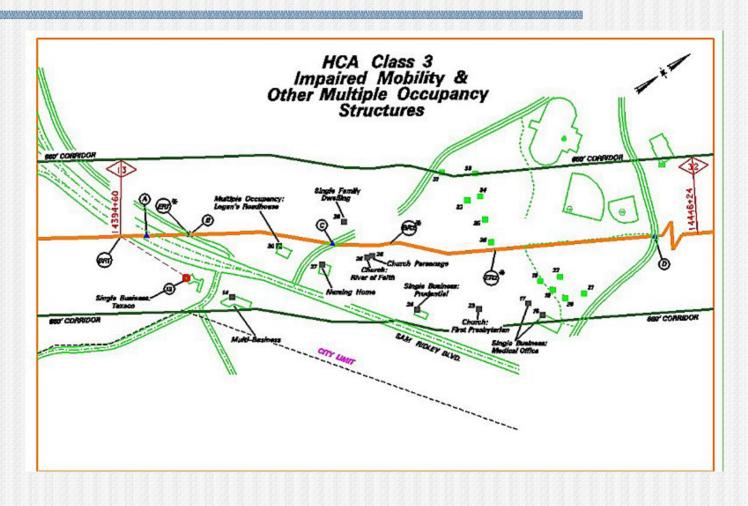


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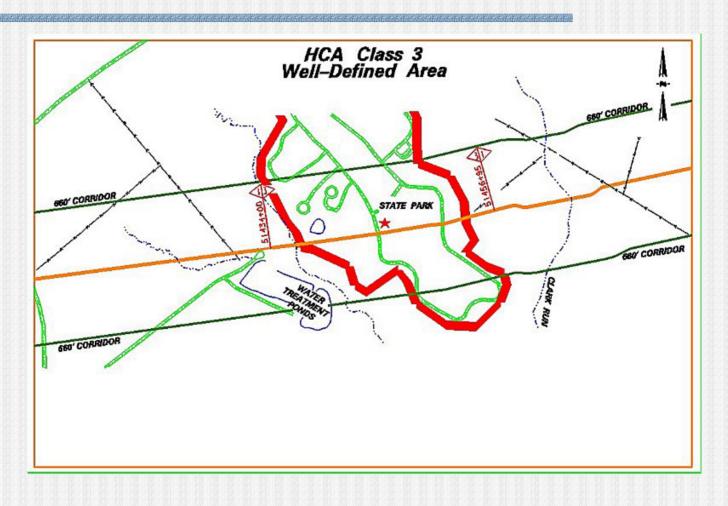
# Gas Pipeline HCA Example Higher Density Housing



# Gas Pipeline HCA Example Limited Mobility Location



# Gas Pipeline HCA Example Well Defined Open Area



# Process Steps for Integrity Management Plans

- Written Plan
- Identify high consequence areas
- Complete risk assessment to prioritize segments
- Develop baseline assessment plan
  - Prioritize segments
  - Schedule to meet regulatory deadlines
  - Select most appropriate assessment technique
    - Internal inspections, or Hydrostatic testing, or Alternative (e.g. Direct Assessment)
- Complete assessments

### Process Steps (cont'd)

- Mitigate conditions and risks as necessary
  - Examples: repairs, reduction in pressures, supplemental damage prevention or other maintenance practices, reduce consequences, etc. and/or combination
- Develop periodic integrity testing and risk assessment schedules
- Assure documentation
- Participate in regulatory inspections of Integrity Management Program
- Evaluate program and manage change

# Sample Outline of Integrity Management Plan

- 1. Introduction
- High Consequence Areas Identification Process
- Baseline Assessment Plan
- 4. Risk Based Assessment
  - Plan describes method of assessing probabilities and consequence
  - Documentation of results of risk assessments

### Sample Plan Outline (cont'd)

- 5. Mitigation of Risks
  - Pipeline Repair Criteria (following codes, standards and regulations)
  - Actions to reduce probability and/or consequence
- 6. Integrity Management Plan Evaluation
- 7. Management of Change
  - Operating, system or environmental changes
- 8. System maps (various types of print and electronic)
- 9. Quality Control Procedures

### Types of Information in Integrity Management Plan Process

- System statistics
- Segment Identifications
- System maps (some of which in HCA)
- Written IMP plan
- Data source description
  - System, history, operating pressures, etc.
- Baseline testing plan
- Support for decisions, analysis and processes
- Document training in IMP
- Operating & Maintenance Procedures

- Direct Assessment Plan
- Risk prevention and mitigation measures
  - Repair schedule
  - Other actions taken
- Records of testing, maintenance, repairs inspections, patrols, etc.
- Evaluation of IMP Program
- Future IMP testing plans
- Documentation IMP provided to state agents

#### Inspections of IMP are Rigorous

- All major hazardous liquid operators were inspected in 2002 to ensure that HCAs have been properly identified nationwide
- Comprehensive audits have begun on Integrity Management programs
- OPS has developed in-depth protocols for those inspections
- Specific documentation requirements reviewed by OPS inspectors
- OPS inspectors access details of company program